

Baseline:  
imaginary  
line upon  
which text  
sits

Ligature:  
double  
character in  
a bond  
representing  
two letters

Terminal:  
ends of  
certain  
letters that  
do not have  
a serif

Kerning:  
adjustment  
of space  
between  
letters

Counter:  
enclosed  
space within  
letters

Axis:  
imaginary  
line showing  
the angle of  
stress

Cap height:  
height of  
uppercase  
letters

X-Height:  
height of  
lowercase  
letters

The Anatomy

of Typography

Descender:  
lowest portion  
of letters  
below  
baseline

Serif: small,  
finishing  
strokes on  
tails of  
characters

Ear: the  
projection  
of letters

Ascender:  
part of a  
lowercase  
letter that  
rises above  
the x-height